

MEDIATION
For CHILD CUSTODY/PARENTING TIME
(formerly known as “Visitation”) CASES

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To Request Mediation
(Forms Packet)



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REQUEST FOR MEDIATION

How to assemble these documents:

This packet contains court forms to file a ***“Petition for Mediation,”*** or if the parties agree, a ***“Stipulation for Mediation,”*** in Family Court cases involving custody and parenting time (formerly known as “visitation”) issues of the parties’ child(ren). Be sure the documents are in the following order:

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COURT FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST MEDIATION

CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet **ONLY** if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You and the other party do **not** agree about the custody and parenting time (formerly known as "visitation") issues in your case, **AND**
- ✓ You want to try mediation to resolve custody and/or parenting time issues, **AND**
- ✓ You have already filed one of the following types of petitions regarding custody and parenting time, and you have not received a signed order/judgment/decree by the judge or commissioner assigned to your case:
 - ***"Petition to Establish Paternity," OR***
 - ***"Petition to Establish Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time and Support," OR***
 - ***"Petition for Legal Separation With Children," OR***
 - ***"Petition for Dissolution of Marriage With Children (Divorce)," OR***
 - ***"Petition to Modify Custody and/or Parenting Time," OR***
 - ***"Petition for Grandparent Visitation,"***

OR

- ✓ You or the other party have previously received an Order/Judgment/Decree involving child custody and/or parenting time from this court and now do **not** agree with the Order/Judgment/Decree.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign any court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing. The Self-Service Center has a list of lawyers who can give you legal advice and can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you want to know more about our list of lawyers and our list of mediators, ask the Self-Service Center staff.

Name of Person Signing Document: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____

ATLAS Number (if applicable): _____

Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): _____

Representing ☐ Self (Without Attorney) OR ☐ Attorney for ☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner

Case Number: _____

PETITION FOR MEDIATION

Name of Respondent

We **do not** agree about the custody and/or parenting time issues involving our child(ren) and I ask that Conciliation Services set a mediation of the issues, based on the following.

1. **Check one box only.** ☐ There is an action currently pending involving custody and/or parenting time (formerly known as "visitation") of our child(ren). This means that either I or the other party filed one of the following types of petitions: 1) ***"Petition to Establish Paternity"*** or ***"Petition to Establish Paternity, Custody, Parenting time and Support"*** 2) ***"Petition for Legal Separation With Children"*** 3) ***"Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce) With Children"*** 4) ***"Petition to Modify Custody and/or Parenting time"*** OR, 5) ***"Petition for Grandparent Parenting time"***. AND, I have not received a signed order/judgment/decree by the judge or commissioner assigned to my case regarding one of these petitions listed above.

OR

- ☐ There is not an action currently pending involving custody and/or parenting time of our child(ren), and either I or the other party filed one of the types of petitions mention above and have received a signed order/judgment/decree by the judge or commissioner assigned to our case.

2. **Check one box only.** ☐ We have not participated in mediation **OR**
☐ We have participated in mediation before. If so, when and where?

When: _____

Where: _____

3. **Describe the disagreement.** Be brief and specific. (The disagreement must involve the custody and/or parenting time of your minor children):

4. Name and Address of Other Party:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Attorney (if known): _____

Signature of Person Submitting Petition for Mediation:

Date of Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Attorney (if you have one): _____

NOTICE TO BOTH PARTIES: After this petition is submitted to Conciliation Services, Conciliation Services will mail an "Order to Attend Mediation" to both parties. YOU MUST ATTEND THE MEDIATION.

Name of Person Signing Document: _____
Your Address: _____
Your City, State, and Zip Code: _____
Your Telephone Number: _____
ATLAS Number (if applicable): _____
Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): _____
Representing ☐ Self (Without Attorney) OR ☐ Attorney for ☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner

Case Number: _____

JOINT PETITION FOR MEDIATION

Name of Respondent

We do **not** agree about the custody and/or parenting time issues involving our child(ren), but we **do** agree to participate in mediation. We ask that Conciliation Services set a mediation of the issues, based on the following.

1. **Check one box only.** ☐ There is an action currently pending involving custody and/or parenting time of our child(ren). This means that either I or the other party filed one of the following types of petitions: 1) Petition to Establish Paternity or Petition to Establish Paternity, Custody, Parenting time (formerly known as "visitation) and Support; 2) Petition for Legal Separation With Children; 3) Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce) With Children; 4) Petition to Modify Custody and/or Parenting time; OR, 5) Petition for Grandparent Parenting time. AND, I have **not** received a signed order/judgment/decree by the judge or commissioner assigned to your case regarding one of these petitions listed above.

OR

- ☐ There is **not** an action currently pending involving custody and/or parenting time of our child(ren), and either I or the other party filed one of the types of petitions mention above and have received a signed order/judgment/decree by the judge or commissioner assigned to our case.
2. **Check one box only.** ☐ We have **not** participated in mediation before OR
☐ We **have** participated in mediation before. If so, when and where?
- When: _____
- Where: _____

3. **Describe the disagreement.** Be brief and specific. (The disagreement must involve the custody and/or parenting time of your minor child(ren)):

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Respondent

Date of Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Street Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Attorney Name (if Petitioner has an attorney):

Attorney Name: (if Respondent has an attorney):

NOTICE TO BOTH PARTIES: After this joint petition is filed with Conciliation Services, Conciliation Services will mail an Order to Attend the Mediation to both parties. YOU MUST ATTEND THE MEDIATION.